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SUBJECT: LARNACA AIRPORT INCIDENT

1. STATEMENT REPRODUCED BELOW WAS RELEASED BY SECRETARY-GENERAL WALDHEIM'S OFFICE ON FEBRUARY 20. ACCORDING TO UN SECRETARIAT THE SYG WAS IN CONTACT WITH UN PERMREP MEGUID OF EGYPT, AN AIDE TO PRESIDENT SADAT, AND WITH PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU SHORTLY AFTER THE SHOOTING AT THE LARNACA AIRPORT. UN SECRETARIAT POINTED OUT THAT SYG WAS ABLE TO "ACHIEVE THE PURPOSE" OF HIS ROLE IN THIS INCIDENT.

2. STATEMENT OF SYG:

"THE SECRETARY-GENERAL DEEPLY DEPLORES THE WEEKEND INCIDENT IN CYPRUS INVOLVING THE ASSASSINATION OF
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A PROMINENT EGYPTIAN EDITOR, THE TAKING OF INNOCENT HOSTAGES, THE HIJACKING OF AN AIRCRAFT FROM CYPRUS AS WELL AS SUBSTANTIAL LOSS OF LIFE IN SUBSEQUENT ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN EGYPTIAN COMMANDOS AND CYPRIOT SECURITY PERSONNEL.

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WAS PERSONALLY ENGAGED IN EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THE INCIDENT THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS

RATHER THAN VIOLENCE. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU YESTERDAY AFTER-NOON WHILE THE EGYPTIAN COMMANDO OPERATION WAS UNDER WAY. THE PRESIDENT INDICATED THAT HE WAS UNABLE TO CONTACT PRESIDENT SADAT AND ASKED THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO USE HIS GOOD OFFICES WITH PRESIDENT SADAT TO ORDER THE COMMANDOS TO CEASEFIRE AND TO SURRENDER TO CYPRIOT AUTHORITIES.

SUBSEQUENTLY, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ENGAGED IN A SERIES OF EXCHANGES WITH EGYPT AND CYPRUS BOTH THROUGH PERSONAL TELEPHONE CALLS AND THROUGH HIS RESPECTIVE UNITED NATIONS REPRESENTATIVES SEEKING TO ENCOURAGE THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE END OF THE FIGHTING AND THE SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEMS ARISING BETWEEN EGYPT AND CYPRUS AS A RESULT." YOUNG

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